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Sanitary Contract 940 Hydraulic Improvements to the High Level Sewershed Collection System

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To whom it may concern,

Sanitary Contract 940 is underway, and work is being completed at multiple locations. Work activities primarily consist of replacement and upsizing of sanitary sewers by open-cut excavation and installation of a large diameter relief sewer by microtunneling. The purpose of this project is to:

- Repair the aging sewer system
- Prevent sewer back-ups into private property
- Reduce/eliminate sewer overflows
- Improve sewage flows and pipe capacity
- Bring the City into long-term compliance with the Clean Water Act (1972)
- Comply with the conditions of the Consent Decree with the US EPA & MDE
- Improve stream water quality

SC940 is approximately 40% complete with an expected end date of November 2021. Below is the project construction status update:

Work Completed To-Date

• Open-cut sewer replacement work has been successfully completed at the following locations:

- o 3600-3700 Blocks of Belle Ave, Ayrdale Road (from Barrington Ave to Belle Ave),
- o 3800 Blocks of Sequoia Ave, Callaway Ave, Belle Ave (rear grass alley), Copley Road, Copley-Dolfield Alley
- o 4400 Block of Towanda Ave
- o 3800 Block of Grantley Ave
- o 4800 Block of Homer Ave
- o 3200 Block of Woodland Ave

• Open-cut sewer main installations have been successfully completed at the following locations:

- o 4500-4600 Reisterstown Road (restoration and striping were completed)
- o 3300-3400 Virginia Avenue (Phase I sewer main construction)
 - Phase II sewer construction is pending (see upcoming work below)
 - Final restoration will take place after Phase II sewer construction is completed

• Shaft Construction (preparation work for micro-tunneling)

- o 17 tunneling shafts have been completed at 2800 N. Dukeland Street, 3050 Liberty Heights Avenue, 3400-4000 blocks of Wabash Ave, 4000 block of Hilton Road, 4049 Cedardale Road, 4032 Grantley Road, 3010 West Cold Spring Ln, and 2900 block of West Cold Spring Ln.
- These shafts will be utilized for tunneling operations over the coming months
- Once tunneling work is completed, a manhole (access point) will be installed, and the shaft will be backfilled
- Restoration work for roadways, grass, sidewalks, and curbs will follow once construction is completed

• Micro-tunneling for new relief sewers

- Tunneling was successfully completed at 2800 Dukeland Ave (crossing Liberty Heights)
- o Tunneling was successfully completed along the 3400, 3500, and 3600 blocks of Wabash Avenue
- Tunneling was successfully completed for two segments at the 4000 block of Hilton Road

Work Underway (Ongoing)

New open-cut sewer installation work is underway along the 3700 Block of W Cold Spring Lane

- Work will take place in the westbound lane from Callaway Avenue to Ayrdale Avenue
- o Traffic controls will be established to divert traffic through and/or around the work area
- o Traffic signs and arrow boards will be setup to inform approaching drivers
- o Roadways will be opened at the end of each workday and weekends/holidays.
- Heavy machinery will be used to install the new sewer pipes and manholes (construction noise expected)
- o No interruptions to water or sewer service are anticipated
- Work is expected to take approximately 6 weeks to complete

New open-cut sewer installation work is underway along the 4800 Block of Park Heights Avenue

- Work will take place in the right northbound lane from Woodland Avenue to Oakley Avenue
- Traffic controls will be established to channel traffic into a single lane for this block
- o Traffic signs and arrow boards will be setup to inform approaching drivers
- o Heavy machinery will be used to install the new sewer pipes and manholes (construction noise expected)
- o No interruptions to water or sewer service are anticipated
- o Work is expected to take approx. 4 weeks to complete

• Shaft Construction (preparation work for micro-tunneling)

- o Shaft construction is underway at the 2800 Block of West Cold Spring Lane
 - Work will take approx. 1-2 months to complete.
 - This shaft will be utilized for tunneling operations over the coming months
 - Tunneling work will proceed afterwards and take approx. 4-7 months
 - The modified traffic pattern will remain in effect for approximately 9 months

Micro-tunneling for new relief sewers

- o 60" Tunneling is underway at the following locations:
 - 3801 Wabash Avenue towards 3612 Wabash Avenue
 - 3910 Wabash Avenue towards 4054 Hilton Road
 - Work will take approx. 4 weeks to complete.
 - Heavy machinery is being utilized above and below the ground. Construction noise is expected.
 - Minor vibrations may be felt in the vicinity of the work area. This is normal.
 - Parking spaces remain available outside of the immediate work area
 - Once all tunneling work is completed along Wabash Ave, manholes (access points) will be installed, and the shafts will be backfilled
 - Restoration work for roadways, grass, sidewalks, and curbs will follow later

Upcoming Work (April – May 2021)

• Phase II open-cut sewer replacement will proceed along the 3300-3400 Block of Virginia Avenue

- Work will entail connecting the existing sanitary house connections to the newly installed mainline.
- Heavy machinery will be used for shaft construction (construction noise is expected)
- o Work will begin once the new mainline is installed up to Homer Avenue
- o No interruptions to water or sewer service are anticipated
- o Minimal, if any, traffic impacts along Virginia Avenue are expected.
- O Work is expected to take place under the east curb across from the homes and in the open grass area.

Below are some pictures to highlight work in-progress and recently accomplished:



Micro-tunnel tunneling staging at 3910 Wabash Avenue



Sewer replacement work location at 3900 Blk of Callaway Avenue



Temporary roadway stabilization after sewer construction at 3700 Blk of Belle Ave



Micro-tunneling underway at 3801 Wabash Avenue

We hope this provides insights for upcoming work as we strive to timely and safely complete this project. If you have any questions, please call (410) 396-4700, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Additional information and resources are also available on our website https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/.

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